

Fill in this information to identify your case:

United States Bankruptcy Court for the:

NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS

Case number (if known)

Chapter you are filing under:

☐ Chapter 7

☐ Chapter 11

☐ Chapter 12

☒ Chapter 13

☐ Check if this is an amended filing

Official Form 101

Voluntary Petition for Individuals Filing for Bankruptcy

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The bankruptcy forms use *you* and *Debtor 1* to refer to a debtor filing alone. A married couple may file a bankruptcy case together—called a *joint case*—and in joint cases, these forms use *you* to ask for information from both debtors. For example, if a form asks, “Do you own a car,” the answer would be yes if either debtor owns a car. When information is needed about the spouses separately, the form uses *Debtor 1* and *Debtor 2* to distinguish between them. In joint cases, one of the spouses must report information as *Debtor 1* and the other as *Debtor 2*. The same person must be *Debtor 1* in all of the forms.

Be as complete and accurate as possible. If two married people are filing together, both are equally responsible for supplying correct information. If more space is needed, attach a separate sheet to this form. On the top of any additional pages, write your name and case number (if known). Answer every question.

Part 1: Identify Yourself

About Debtor 1:

About Debtor 2 (Spouse Only in a Joint Case):

1. Your full name

Write the name that is on your government-issued picture identification (for example, your driver's license or passport).

Bring your picture identification to your meeting with the trustee.

**Tayler**

First name

**J.**

Middle name

**Stewart**

Last name and Suffix (Sr., Jr., II, III)

First name

Middle name

Last name and Suffix (Sr., Jr., II, III)

2. All other names you have used in the last 8 years

Include your married or maiden names.

3. Only the last 4 digits of your Social Security number or federal Individual Taxpayer Identification number (ITIN)

xxx-xx-9900

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**About Debtor 1:**

**About Debtor 2 (Spouse Only in a Joint Case):**

**4. Any business names and Employer Identification Numbers (EIN) you have used in the last 8 years**

☒ I have not used any business name or EINs.

☐ I have not used any business name or EINs.

Include trade names and *doing business as* names

Business name(s)

Business name(s)

EIN

EIN

**5. Where you live**

**36950 N. Northern Avenue  
Waukegan, IL 60085**

Number, Street, City, State & ZIP Code

**Lake**

County

**If your mailing address is different from the one above, fill it in here.** Note that the court will send any notices to you at this mailing address.

Number, P.O. Box, Street, City, State & ZIP Code

**If Debtor 2 lives at a different address:**

Number, Street, City, State & ZIP Code

County

**If Debtor 2's mailing address is different from yours, fill it in here.** Note that the court will send any notices to this mailing address.

Number, P.O. Box, Street, City, State & ZIP Code

**6. Why you are choosing this district to file for bankruptcy**

Check one:

☒ Over the last 180 days before filing this petition, I have lived in this district longer than in any other district.

☐ I have another reason.  
Explain. (See 28 U.S.C. § 1408.)

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**Part 2: Tell the Court About Your Bankruptcy Case**

7. **The chapter of the Bankruptcy Code you are choosing to file under** *Check one.* (For a brief description of each, see *Notice Required by 11 U.S.C. § 342(b) for Individuals Filing for Bankruptcy (Form 2010)*). Also, go to the top of page 1 and check the appropriate box.
- ☐ Chapter 7
- ☐ Chapter 11
- ☐ Chapter 12
- ☒ Chapter 13
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8. **How you will pay the fee** ☒ **I will pay the entire fee when I file my petition.** Please check with the clerk's office in your local court for more details about how you may pay. Typically, if you are paying the fee yourself, you may pay with cash, cashier's check, or money order. If your attorney is submitting your payment on your behalf, your attorney may pay with a credit card or check with a pre-printed address.
- ☐ **I need to pay the fee in installments.** If you choose this option, sign and attach the *Application for Individuals to Pay The Filing Fee in Installments* (Official Form 103A).
- ☐ **I request that my fee be waived** (You may request this option only if you are filing for Chapter 7. By law, a judge may, but is not required to, waive your fee, and may do so only if your income is less than 150% of the official poverty line that applies to your family size and you are unable to pay the fee in installments). If you choose this option, you must fill out the *Application to Have the Chapter 7 Filing Fee Waived* (Official Form 103B) and file it with your petition.
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9. **Have you filed for bankruptcy within the last 8 years?** ☒ No.
- ☐ Yes.
- |          |       |      |       |             |       |
|----------|-------|------|-------|-------------|-------|
| District | _____ | When | _____ | Case number | _____ |
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10. **Are any bankruptcy cases pending or being filed by a spouse who is not filing this case with you, or by a business partner, or by an affiliate?** ☒ No.
- ☐ Yes.
- |          |       |                     |       |
|----------|-------|---------------------|-------|
| Debtor   | _____ | Relationship to you | _____ |
| District | _____ | When                | _____ |
| Debtor   | _____ | Relationship to you | _____ |
| District | _____ | When                | _____ |
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11. **Do you rent your residence?** ☒ No. Go to line 12.
- ☐ Yes. Has your landlord obtained an eviction judgment against you?
- ☐ No. Go to line 12.
- ☐ Yes. Fill out *Initial Statement About an Eviction Judgment Against You* (Form 101A) and file it as part of this bankruptcy petition.

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**Part 3: Report About Any Businesses You Own as a Sole Proprietor**

**12. Are you a sole proprietor of any full- or part-time business?**

☒ No. Go to Part 4.

☐ Yes. Name and location of business

A sole proprietorship is a business you operate as an individual, and is not a separate legal entity such as a corporation, partnership, or LLC.

If you have more than one sole proprietorship, use a separate sheet and attach it to this petition.

Name of business, if any

Number, Street, City, State & ZIP Code

*Check the appropriate box to describe your business:*

- ☐ Health Care Business (as defined in 11 U.S.C. § 101(27A))
- ☐ Single Asset Real Estate (as defined in 11 U.S.C. § 101(51B))
- ☐ Stockbroker (as defined in 11 U.S.C. § 101(53A))
- ☐ Commodity Broker (as defined in 11 U.S.C. § 101(6))
- ☐ None of the above

**13. Are you filing under Chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code, and are you a small business debtor or a debtor as defined by 11 U.S.C. § 1182(1)?**

For a definition of *small business debtor*, see 11 U.S.C. § 101(51D).

*If you are filing under Chapter 11, the court must know whether you are a small business debtor or a debtor choosing to proceed under Subchapter V so that it can set appropriate deadlines. If you indicate that you are a small business debtor or you are choosing to proceed under Subchapter V, you must attach your most recent balance sheet, statement of operations, cash-flow statement, and federal income tax return or if any of these documents do not exist, follow the procedure in 11 U.S.C. § 1116(1)(B).*

☒ No. I am not filing under Chapter 11.

☐ No. I am filing under Chapter 11, but I am NOT a small business debtor according to the definition in the Bankruptcy Code.

☐ Yes. I am filing under Chapter 11, I am a small business debtor according to the definition in the Bankruptcy Code, and I do not choose to proceed under Subchapter V of Chapter 11.

☐ Yes. I am filing under Chapter 11, I am a debtor according to the definition in § 1182(1) of the Bankruptcy Code, and I choose to proceed under Subchapter V of Chapter 11.

**Part 4: Report if You Own or Have Any Hazardous Property or Any Property That Needs Immediate Attention**

**14. Do you own or have any property that poses or is alleged to pose a threat of imminent and identifiable hazard to public health or safety? Or do you own any property that needs immediate attention?**

☒ No.

☐ Yes. What is the hazard?

If immediate attention is needed, why is it needed?

*For example, do you own perishable goods, or livestock that must be fed, or a building that needs urgent repairs?*

Where is the property?

Number, Street, City, State & Zip Code

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**Part 5: Explain Your Efforts to Receive a Briefing About Credit Counseling**

**About Debtor 1:**

*You must check one:*

- ☒ **I received a briefing from an approved credit counseling agency within the 180 days before I filed this bankruptcy petition, and I received a certificate of completion.**

Attach a copy of the certificate and the payment plan, if any, that you developed with the agency.

- ☐ **I received a briefing from an approved credit counseling agency within the 180 days before I filed this bankruptcy petition, but I do not have a certificate of completion.**

Within 14 days after you file this bankruptcy petition, you **MUST** file a copy of the certificate and payment plan, if any.

- ☐ **I certify that I asked for credit counseling services from an approved agency, but was unable to obtain those services during the 7 days after I made my request, and exigent circumstances merit a 30-day temporary waiver of the requirement.**

To ask for a 30-day temporary waiver of the requirement, attach a separate sheet explaining what efforts you made to obtain the briefing, why you were unable to obtain it before you filed for bankruptcy, and what exigent circumstances required you to file this case.

Your case may be dismissed if the court is dissatisfied with your reasons for not receiving a briefing before you filed for bankruptcy. If the court is satisfied with your reasons, you must still receive a briefing within 30 days after you file. You must file a certificate from the approved agency, along with a copy of the payment plan you developed, if any. If you do not do so, your case may be dismissed.

Any extension of the 30-day deadline is granted only for cause and is limited to a maximum of 15 days.

- ☐ **I am not required to receive a briefing about credit counseling because of:**

- ☐ **Incapacity.**  
I have a mental illness or a mental deficiency that makes me incapable of realizing or making rational decisions about finances.

- ☐ **Disability.**  
My physical disability causes me to be unable to participate in a briefing in person, by phone, or through the internet, even after I reasonably tried to do so.

- ☐ **Active duty.**  
I am currently on active military duty in a military combat zone.

If you believe you are not required to receive a briefing about credit counseling, you must file a motion for waiver credit counseling with the court.

**About Debtor 2 (Spouse Only in a Joint Case):**

*You must check one:*

- ☐ **I received a briefing from an approved credit counseling agency within the 180 days before I filed this bankruptcy petition, and I received a certificate of completion.**

Attach a copy of the certificate and the payment plan, if any, that you developed with the agency.

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- ☐ **Active duty.**  
I am currently on active military duty in a military combat zone.

If you believe you are not required to receive a briefing about credit counseling, you must file a motion for waiver of credit counseling with the court.

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**Part 6: Answer These Questions for Reporting Purposes**

16. What kind of debts do you have?	16a.	<b>Are your debts primarily consumer debts?</b> <i>Consumer debts</i> are defined in 11 U.S.C. § 101(8) as "incurred by an individual primarily for a personal, family, or household purpose."  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No. Go to line 16b. <input type="checkbox"/> Yes. Go to line 17.
	16b.	<b>Are your debts primarily business debts?</b> <i>Business debts</i> are debts that you incurred to obtain money for a business or investment or through the operation of the business or investment.  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No. Go to line 16c. <input type="checkbox"/> Yes. Go to line 17.
	16c.	State the type of debts you owe that are not consumer debts or business debts

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17. Are you filing under Chapter 7?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No.  <input type="checkbox"/> Yes.	I am not filing under Chapter 7. Go to line 18.  I am filing under Chapter 7. Do you estimate that after any exempt property is excluded and administrative expenses are paid that funds will be available to distribute to unsecured creditors?  <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes
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18. How many Creditors do you estimate that you owe?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1-49 <input type="checkbox"/> 50-99 <input type="checkbox"/> 100-199 <input type="checkbox"/> 200-999	<input type="checkbox"/> 1,000-5,000 <input type="checkbox"/> 5001-10,000 <input type="checkbox"/> 10,001-25,000	<input type="checkbox"/> 25,001-50,000 <input type="checkbox"/> 50,001-100,000 <input type="checkbox"/> More than 100,000
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19. How much do you estimate your assets to be worth?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> \$0 - \$50,000 <input type="checkbox"/> \$50,001 - \$100,000 <input type="checkbox"/> \$100,001 - \$500,000 <input type="checkbox"/> \$500,001 - \$1 million	<input type="checkbox"/> \$1,000,001 - \$10 million <input type="checkbox"/> \$10,000,001 - \$50 million <input type="checkbox"/> \$50,000,001 - \$100 million <input type="checkbox"/> \$100,000,001 - \$500 million	<input type="checkbox"/> \$500,000,001 - \$1 billion <input type="checkbox"/> \$1,000,000,001 - \$10 billion <input type="checkbox"/> \$10,000,000,001 - \$50 billion <input type="checkbox"/> More than \$50 billion
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20. How much do you estimate your liabilities to be?	<input type="checkbox"/> \$0 - \$50,000 <input type="checkbox"/> \$50,001 - \$100,000 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> \$100,001 - \$500,000 <input type="checkbox"/> \$500,001 - \$1 million	<input type="checkbox"/> \$1,000,001 - \$10 million <input type="checkbox"/> \$10,000,001 - \$50 million <input type="checkbox"/> \$50,000,001 - \$100 million <input type="checkbox"/> \$100,000,001 - \$500 million	<input type="checkbox"/> \$500,000,001 - \$1 billion <input type="checkbox"/> \$1,000,000,001 - \$10 billion <input type="checkbox"/> \$10,000,000,001 - \$50 billion <input type="checkbox"/> More than \$50 billion
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**Part 7: Sign Below****For you**

I have examined this petition, and I declare under penalty of perjury that the information provided is true and correct.

If I have chosen to file under Chapter 7, I am aware that I may proceed, if eligible, under Chapter 7, 11, 12, or 13 of title 11, United States Code. I understand the relief available under each chapter, and I choose to proceed under Chapter 7.

If no attorney represents me and I did not pay or agree to pay someone who is not an attorney to help me fill out this document, I have obtained and read the notice required by 11 U.S.C. § 342(b).

I request relief in accordance with the chapter of title 11, United States Code, specified in this petition.

I understand making a false statement, concealing property, or obtaining money or property by fraud in connection with a bankruptcy case can result in fines up to \$250,000, or imprisonment for up to 20 years, or both. 18 U.S.C. §§ 152, 1341, 1519, and 3571.

**/s/ Tayler J. Stewart****Tayler J. Stewart**

Signature of Debtor 1

Signature of Debtor 2

Executed on **August 26, 2022**  
MM / DD / YYYYExecuted on  
MM / DD / YYYY

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**For your attorney, if you are represented by one**

**If you are not represented by an attorney, you do not need to file this page.**

I, the attorney for the debtor(s) named in this petition, declare that I have informed the debtor(s) about eligibility to proceed under Chapter 7, 11, 12, or 13 of title 11, United States Code, and have explained the relief available under each chapter for which the person is eligible. I also certify that I have delivered to the debtor(s) the notice required by 11 U.S.C. § 342(b) and, in a case in which § 707(b)(4)(D) applies, certify that I have no knowledge after an inquiry that the information in the schedules filed with the petition is incorrect.

**/s/ Paul M. Bach**

Signature of Attorney for Debtor

Date

**August 26, 2022**

MM / DD / YYYY

**Paul M. Bach**

Printed name

**Bach Law Offices, Inc.**

Firm name

**P.O. Box 1285**

**Northbrook, IL 60065**

Number, Street, City, State & ZIP Code

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**06209530 IL**

Bar number & State

## Notice Required by 11 U.S.C. § 342(b) for Individuals Filing for Bankruptcy (Form 2010)

This notice is for you if:

You are an individual filing for bankruptcy,  
and

Your debts are primarily consumer debts.  
*Consumer debts* are defined in 11 U.S.C.  
§ 101(8) as "incurred by an individual  
primarily for a personal, family, or  
household purpose."

### The types of bankruptcy that are available to individuals

Individuals who meet the qualifications may file under  
one of four different chapters of Bankruptcy Code:

Chapter 7 - Liquidation

Chapter 11 - Reorganization

Chapter 12 - Voluntary repayment plan  
for family farmers or  
fishermen

Chapter 13 - Voluntary repayment plan  
for individuals with regular  
income

**You should have an attorney review your  
decision to file for bankruptcy and the choice of  
chapter.**

### Chapter 7: Liquidation

\$245 filing fee

\$78 administrative fee

+ \$15 trustee surcharge

\$338 total fee

Chapter 7 is for individuals who have financial  
difficulty preventing them from paying their debts  
and who are willing to allow their non-exempt  
property to be used to pay their creditors. The  
primary purpose of filing under chapter 7 is to have  
your debts discharged. The bankruptcy discharge  
relieves you after bankruptcy from having to pay  
many of your pre-bankruptcy debts. Exceptions exist  
for particular debts, and liens on property may still  
be enforced after discharge. For example, a creditor  
may have the right to foreclose a home mortgage or  
repossess an automobile.

However, if the court finds that you have committed  
certain kinds of improper conduct described in the  
Bankruptcy Code, the court may deny your  
discharge.

You should know that even if you file chapter 7 and  
you receive a discharge, some debts are not  
discharged under the law. Therefore, you may still  
be responsible to pay:

most taxes;

most student loans;

domestic support and property settlement  
obligations;

most fines, penalties, forfeitures, and criminal restitution obligations; and

certain debts that are not listed in your bankruptcy papers.

You may also be required to pay debts arising from:

fraud or theft;

fraud or defalcation while acting in breach of fiduciary capacity;

intentional injuries that you inflicted; and

death or personal injury caused by operating a motor vehicle, vessel, or aircraft while intoxicated from alcohol or drugs.

If your debts are primarily consumer debts, the court can dismiss your chapter 7 case if it finds that you have enough income to repay creditors a certain amount. You must file *Chapter 7 Statement of Your Current Monthly Income* (Official Form 122A-1) if you are an individual filing for bankruptcy under chapter 7. This form will determine your current monthly income and compare whether your income is more than the median income that applies in your state.

If your income is not above the median for your state, you will not have to complete the other chapter 7 form, the *Chapter 7 Means Test Calculation* (Official Form 122A-2).

If your income is above the median for your state, you must file a second form—the *Chapter 7 Means Test Calculation* (Official Form 122A-2). The calculations on the form—sometimes called the *Means Test*—deduct from your income living expenses and payments on certain debts to determine any amount available to pay unsecured creditors. If

your income is more than the median income for your state of residence and family size, depending on the results of the *Means Test*, the U.S. trustee, bankruptcy administrator, or creditors can file a motion to dismiss your case under § 707(b) of the Bankruptcy Code. If a motion is filed, the court will decide if your case should be dismissed. To avoid dismissal, you may choose to proceed under another chapter of the Bankruptcy Code.

If you are an individual filing for chapter 7 bankruptcy, the trustee may sell your property to pay your debts, subject to your right to exempt the property or a portion of the proceeds from the sale of the property. The property, and the proceeds from property that your bankruptcy trustee sells or liquidates that you are entitled to, is called *exempt property*. Exemptions may enable you to keep your home, a car, clothing, and household items or to receive some of the proceeds if the property is sold.

Exemptions are not automatic. To exempt property, you must list it on *Schedule C: The Property You Claim as Exempt* (Official Form 106C). If you do not list the property, the trustee may sell it and pay all of the proceeds to your creditors.

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## Chapter 11: Reorganization

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	\$1,167	filing fee
+	\$571	administrative fee
	\$1,738	total fee

Chapter 11 is often used for reorganizing a business, but is also available to individuals. The provisions of chapter 11 are too complicated to summarize briefly.

### Read These Important Warnings

Because bankruptcy can have serious long-term financial and legal consequences, including loss of your property, you should hire an attorney and carefully consider all of your options before you file. Only an attorney can give you legal advice about what can happen as a result of filing for bankruptcy and what your options are. If you do file for bankruptcy, an attorney can help you fill out the forms properly and protect you, your family, your home, and your possessions.

Although the law allows you to represent yourself in bankruptcy court, you should understand that many people find it difficult to represent themselves successfully. The rules are technical, and a mistake or inaction may harm you. If you file without an attorney, you are still responsible for knowing and following all of the legal requirements.

You should not file for bankruptcy if you are not eligible to file or if you do not intend to file the necessary documents.

Bankruptcy fraud is a serious crime; you could be fined and imprisoned if you commit fraud in your bankruptcy case. Making a false statement, concealing property, or obtaining money or property by fraud in connection with a bankruptcy case can result in fines up to \$250,000, or imprisonment for up to 20 years, or both. 18 U.S.C. §§ 152, 1341, 1519, and 3571.

#### Chapter 12: Repayment plan for family farmers or fishermen

	\$200	filing fee
+	\$78	administrative fee
	\$278	total fee

Similar to chapter 13, chapter 12 permits family farmers and fishermen to repay their debts over a period of time using future earnings and to discharge some debts that are not paid.

#### Chapter 13: Repayment plan for individuals with regular income

	\$235	filing fee
+	\$78	administrative fee
	\$313	total fee

Chapter 13 is for individuals who have regular income and would like to pay all or part of their debts in installments over a period of time and to discharge some debts that are not paid. You are eligible for chapter 13 only if your debts are not more than certain dollar amounts set forth in 11 U.S.C. § 109.

Under chapter 13, you must file with the court a plan to repay your creditors all or part of the money that you owe them, usually using your future earnings. If the court approves your plan, the court will allow you to repay your debts, as adjusted by the plan, within 3 years or 5 years, depending on your income and other factors.

After you make all the payments under your plan, many of your debts are discharged. The debts that are not discharged and that you may still be responsible to pay include:

- domestic support obligations,
- most student loans,
- certain taxes,
- debts for fraud or theft,
- debts for fraud or defalcation while acting in a fiduciary capacity,
- most criminal fines and restitution obligations,
- certain debts that are not listed in your bankruptcy papers,
- certain debts for acts that caused death or personal injury, and
- certain long-term secured debts.

### **Warning: File Your Forms on Time**

Section 521(a)(1) of the Bankruptcy Code requires that you promptly file detailed information about your creditors, assets, liabilities, income, expenses and general financial condition. The court may dismiss your bankruptcy case if you do not file this information within the deadlines set by the Bankruptcy Code, the Bankruptcy Rules, and the local rules of the court.

For more information about the documents and their deadlines, go to:  
<http://www.uscourts.gov/forms/bankruptcy-forms>

### **Bankruptcy crimes have serious consequences**

If you knowingly and fraudulently conceal assets or make a false oath or statement under penalty of perjury—either orally or in writing—in connection with a bankruptcy case, you may be fined, imprisoned, or both.

All information you supply in connection with a bankruptcy case is subject to examination by the Attorney General acting through the Office of the U.S. Trustee, the Office of the U.S. Attorney, and other offices and employees of the U.S. Department of Justice.

### **Make sure the court has your mailing address**

The bankruptcy court sends notices to the mailing address you list on *Voluntary Petition for Individuals Filing for Bankruptcy* (Official Form 101). To ensure that you receive information about your case, Bankruptcy Rule 4002 requires that you notify the court of any changes in your address.

A married couple may file a bankruptcy case together—called a *joint case*. If you file a joint case and each spouse lists the same mailing address on the bankruptcy petition, the bankruptcy court generally will mail you and your spouse one copy of each notice, unless you file a statement with the court asking that each spouse receive separate copies.

### **Understand which services you could receive from credit counseling agencies**

The law generally requires that you receive a credit counseling briefing from an approved credit counseling agency. 11 U.S.C. § 109(h). If you are filing a joint case, both spouses must receive the briefing. With limited exceptions, you must receive it within the 180 days **before** you file your bankruptcy petition. This briefing is usually conducted by telephone or on the Internet.

In addition, after filing a bankruptcy case, you generally must complete a financial management instructional course before you can receive a discharge. If you are filing a joint case, both spouses must complete the course.

You can obtain the list of agencies approved to provide both the briefing and the instructional course from:  
<http://www.uscourts.gov/services-forms/bankruptcy/credit-counseling-and-debtor-education-courses>.

In Alabama and North Carolina, go to:  
<http://www.uscourts.gov/services-forms/bankruptcy/credit-counseling-and-debtor-education-courses>.

If you do not have access to a computer, the clerk of the bankruptcy court may be able to help you obtain the list.

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**United States Bankruptcy Court**  
**Northern District of Illinois**

In re **Tayler J. Stewart**

Debtor(s)

Case No.

Chapter

**13**

**DISCLOSURE OF COMPENSATION OF ATTORNEY FOR DEBTOR(S)**

1. Pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 329(a) and Fed. Bankr. P. 2016(b), I certify that I am the attorney for the above named debtor(s) and that compensation paid to me within one year before the filing of the petition in bankruptcy, or agreed to be paid to me, for services rendered or to be rendered on behalf of the debtor(s) in contemplation of or in connection with the bankruptcy case is as follows:
- |   |    |                           |
|---|----|---------------------------|
| For legal services, I have agreed to accept .....           | \$ | <u><b>350.00/hour</b></u> |
| Prior to the filing of this statement I have received ..... | \$ | <u><b>3,000.00</b></u>    |
| Balance Due .....   | \$ | <u><b>TBD</b></u>         |
2. \$ **313.00** of the filing fee has been paid.
3. The source of the compensation paid to me was:
- ☒ Debtor ☐ Other (specify):
4. The source of compensation to be paid to me is:
- ☒ Debtor ☐ Other (specify):
5. ☒ I have not agreed to share the above-disclosed compensation with any other person unless they are members and associates of my law firm.
- ☐ I have agreed to share the above-disclosed compensation with a person or persons who are not members or associates of my law firm. A copy of the agreement, together with a list of the names of the people sharing in the compensation is attached.
6. In return for the above-disclosed fee, I have agreed to render legal service for all aspects of the bankruptcy case, including:
- Analysis of the debtor's financial situation, and rendering advice to the debtor in determining whether to file a petition in bankruptcy;
  - Preparation and filing of any petition, schedules, statement of affairs and plan which may be required;
  - Representation of the debtor at the meeting of creditors and confirmation hearing, and any adjourned hearings thereof;
  - [Other provisions as needed]
7. By agreement with the debtor(s), the above-disclosed fee does not include the following service:

**CERTIFICATION**

I certify that the foregoing is a complete statement of any agreement or arrangement for payment to me for representation of the debtor(s) in this bankruptcy proceeding.

**August 26, 2022**

Date

/s/ Paul M. Bach 

**Paul M. Bach**

Signature of Attorney

**Bach Law Offices, Inc.**

**P.O. Box 1285**

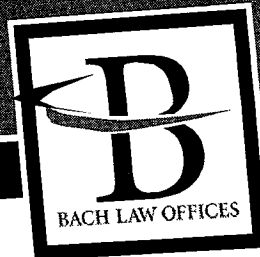
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## CONTRACT FOR CHAPTER 13 BANKRUPTCY SERVICES

This Agreement is executed this the 26th day of August, 2022, by and between Bach Law Offices (the Attorney) and Taylor J. Stewart (the Debtor). The parties agree as follows:

### 1. Type of Bankruptcy.

Debtor retains attorney to file a Chapter 13 bankruptcy case. If the Debtor determines at a later date that the Debtor desires to file a Chapter 7 bankruptcy case, the parties shall execute a new fee contract setting forth the terms of such representation. If Debtor elects to convert the Chapter 13 case to a Chapter 7 case, then Attorney shall be under no duty to prepare and file the necessary court papers until the new fee agreement has been signed and the agreed upon fees paid.

### 2. Attorney Fees.

The attorney's fees for services performed under this agreement shall be billed at a rate of ~~\$45.00~~ <sup>350. BOB</sup> per hour. Hourly billing will be to the tenth of an hour.

In order to secure the time and service of the attorney for this matter, I agree to make a non-refundable payment in the amount of \$3,000.00. I understand this is a minimum fee I will be charged for services and expenses.

In order to secure the time and service of the attorney for this matter, I agree to make an initial payment in the amount of \$3,000.00 toward my attorney's fees and expenses. This retainer fee shall be a credit against hourly attorney's fees and expenses.

The Attorney, in his/her discretion, will keep time and expense records for any legal service and apply to the Court for the approval of the fee plus all expenses incurred. All fees will be added to your plan (unless paid directly by Debtor or a third-party such as a creditor in a contested case) and will be paid through the plan. It is possible that any non-base fees added to your plan may result in an increase in your monthly plan payment or in an extension of the length of your plan or both.

### 3. Contingent Fees.

The attorney will be entitled to a contingency fee equal to 33% of any actual recovery from any party for a violation of the automatic stay, the co-debtor stay, the discharge injunction, for breach of the plan or any terms thereof, or for breach of any state or federal consumer protection statutes.

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**4. Expenses.**

The Attorney shall be entitled to apply to the Court for approval of any expenses related to your case for base fee or non-base fee services. Such expenses include but are not limited to court fees, telephone fees, fax fees, copy fees, postage fees, PACER fees, electronic or other research fees. In the Court's discretion, the Attorney may request without any notice or documentation a blanket expense of \$1.00 for each item noticed to creditors as an expense for postage, copying and envelopes.

**5. Court Approval of Fees.**

All fees included in this Agreement are subject to the control of the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Illinois. Any changes in the presumed non-base fees by the Court shall be deemed to immediately modify and amend the terms and conditions of this Agreement as to the non-base fees and shall be incorporated herein by this reference. Any subsequent increase in the base fees by the Court shall have no impact on the original base fee provided for in this Agreement.

**6. Assumptions for the Attorney Fee.**

The attorney is based on the following assumptions:

- (a) The Debtor has provided all requested information.
- (b) The Debtor has provided complete and accurate information.
- (c) The Debtor's circumstances, especially the Debtor's current monthly income (as defined by the Bankruptcy Code) does not substantially change prior to the filing of the case.
- (d) The Debtor will provide all requested documents within 15 days of the date of this Agreement.

**7. Costs and Expenses to be paid directly by Debtor.**

*NO* The debtor shall pay all costs related to the filing of the bankruptcy case. These costs currently include the court filing fee of \$313.00; the costs of mandatory pre-filing credit counseling, which is approximately \$25.00; the mandatory post-filing educational course which is approximately \$25.00; the costs of pulling your credit report \$37.00 and the costs of any PACER checks, which is approximately \$10.00; the costs of any appraisals of real or personal property; the costs of obtain current consumer reports in the Debtor is not entitled to free reports; and any other costs as agreed to by the parties.

**8. First Payment.**

The Debtor must be in a position to make the first full Chapter 13 monthly plan payment within 30 days of filing your case.

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**9. Mortgage Payments.**

The Debtor acknowledges that the contract mortgage payments on residential real estate cannot be reduced under the Bankruptcy laws but will be paid as follows:

(a) By adding the amount of the payment (plus any back payments), and any future increases as allowed by the mortgage contract, to the Chapter 13 plan payment. As a result, the Debtor will only be responsible for making one single debt payment per month, said payment being the Chapter 13 plan payment; or

(b) The Debtor being responsible for making all future mortgage payments directly to the mortgage company.

The Debtor has elected to proceed with option:   B  

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**10. Debtor's Obligations.**

The Debtor's obligations are as follows:

- (a) To provide the Attorney with all requested documents, bills statements, payment advices, bank records, tax returns, tax bills, appraisals, retirement and savings account, and income information and to sign any and all necessary forms to allow the Attorney to secure such documentation.
- (b) To provide accurately and honestly all of the information necessary to prepare and file the Chapter 13 bankruptcy case, and other motions or proceedings arising during the course of the case.
- (c) To timely respond to all letters, emails and telephone calls from the Attorney or any member of his staff.
- (d) To keep the Attorney advised at all times of the Debtor's mailing and physical addresses, telephone numbers, and email addresses.
- (e) To appear at the first meeting of creditors (the 341 meeting) and at any other court hearings or meetings as may be required by the Court or any other party.
- (f) To keep all scheduled office appointments with the Attorney and to notify the Attorney in advance of any problems with the timing and scheduling or rescheduling of such appointments.
- (g) To contact the attorney by Telephone with the understanding that the Attorney is only able to return calls between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. If the Attorney is available when the

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call is actually received, then the call will be taken at that time. However, if you have to leave a message for the Attorney then you must provide a number that you can be reached at during the designated times. The Attorney or Legal Assistant will make every effort to return all such telephone calls within 48 hours, excluding weekends and holidays.

- (h) To provide any information requested of the Debtor by the Chapter 13 Trustee, the Bankruptcy Administrator, or any other party in the case, unless the Court rules that the Debtor is not required to provide such information.
- (i) To respond as soon as possible to any requests for the Debtor by the Attorney or his Legal Assistant.
- (j) To comply with the obligations imposed upon the Debtor by the Local Rules of the Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Illinois, a copy of which is attached to this Agreement.
- (k) To sign a tax authorization form to authorize the Attorney to get copies of income tax returns from the respective taxing agencies for a period of four (4) years prior to the filing of your bankruptcy case.
- (l) To provide current bank account information to include monthly statements as requested and online account balances as of the date of the signing of your bankruptcy petition packet.

**11. Attorney Withdrawal from Chapter 13 case, Adversary Proceeding or Contested Matter.**

Pursuant to the Local Rules of the Bankruptcy Court, the Attorney shall remain the responsible attorney of record for the Debtor in all matters in the case until the case is closed, dismissed or the discharge is entered or until the Attorney is relieved from such representation by order of the Court. The parties agree that just reasons for the Attorney to withdraw from the representation of the Debtor, include but are not limited to the following:

- (a) The failure of the Debtor to provide complete, truthful and accurate information to the Attorney.
- (b) The failure of the Debtor to comply with the Debtor's obligations as provided for in this Agreement and in the Local Rules.
- (c) The failure of the Debtor to comply with any of the obligations imposed on the Debtor by the Bankruptcy Code and the Bankruptcy Rules.
- (d) The failure or refusal of the Debtor to comply with the Debtor's obligations to provide any supplemental information to the Court or to the Chapter 13 Trustee or to correct any incorrect or incomplete information previously provided to the Court or the Trustee.

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(d) The failure of the Debtor to provide complete, truthful and accurate information to the Court, the Chapter 13 Trustee and the Bankruptcy Administrator.

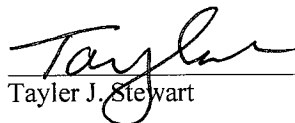
(e) If the Debtor are husband and wife, then any separation, serious domestic dispute, or divorce of the parties.

(f) Any irreconcilable conflict between the Attorney and the Debtor with respect to the case.

Dated: 8/26/22

By:   
Bach Law Offices

Dated: 8/26/22

Debtor:   
Tayler J. Stewart

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

Debtor: \_\_\_\_\_

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**United States Bankruptcy Court  
Northern District of Illinois**

In re **Tayler J. Stewart**

Debtor(s)

Case No.

Chapter

**13**

**VERIFICATION OF CREDITOR MATRIX**

Number of Creditors: **21**

The above-named Debtor(s) hereby verifies that the list of creditors is true and correct to the best of my (our) knowledge.

Date: **August 26, 2022**

**/s/ Tayler J. Stewart**

**Tayler J. Stewart**

Signature of Debtor

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